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TITLE: DEVICE FOR SEPARATING THE HARD COMPONENTS FOR A GRINDER USED IN THE FIELD OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY, AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE MINCING OF MEAT

AMENDMENT "A"

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2005, a response being due by March 27, 2006, please enter the present amendments and consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, previous Claims 1 - 5 have been canceled and new Claims 6 - 10 substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of distinguishing the present invention from the prior art and also for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that Claims 1 - 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the Richter patent. Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Richter patent in view of the Huebner patent. The claims were also rejected